

Amendments to the Specification:

At page 1, immediately following the title and before line 1, insert the following paragraph:

This application is a divisional of U.S. Application Serial No. 10/044,223 filed November 20, 2001, which in turn is a divisional of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/423,884 filed April 10, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,342,505, which in turn is a 35 U.S.C. § 371 application of PCT International Application No. PCT/FR98/01000 filed May 20, 1998.